

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on February 5, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 355, 2/2/2015; SB 19, 2/2/2015; SB 62, 2/2/2015; SB 78,
2/2/2015; SB 108, 2/2/2015

Executive Action: SB 19, SB 62, SB 78

00:00:04 Chairman Redfield

HEARING ON SB 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 19, Revise livestock special deputy fund laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:13 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:03:57 Christian Mackay, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:04:31 Rep. Pierson
00:04:55 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:05:14 Rep. Williams entered
00:05:35 Rep. Webber
00:06:03 Jay Bodner, MSGA
00:06:23 Rep. McKamey
00:06:44 Sen. Ripley

Closing by Sponsor:

00:06:55 Sen. Ripley

HEARING ON SB 78

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:07:44 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 78, Repeal laws related to the mint committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:53 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MT Dept. of AG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:51 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON SB 108**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:02 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 108, Clarify and revise department of livestock per capita fee calculation.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:29 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:12:06 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)
00:12:27 Christian Mackay, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)
00:13:00 Dr. Jeanna Rankin, Self

EXHIBIT(agh26a01)

EXHIBIT(agh26a02)

00:14:43 Rep. Harris entered

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:38 Rep. Webber
00:17:05 Rep. Williams
00:17:53 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:19:10 Rep. Williams
00:19:34 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:19:58 Rep. Williams
00:20:09 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:20:50 Rep. Williams
00:21:04 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:21:27 Rep. MacDonald
00:21:43 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:21:57 Rep. MacDonald
00:22:17 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:23:00 Rep. MacDonald
00:23:05 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:23:27 Rep. Pease-Lopez
00:23:52 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:24:09 Rep. Pease-Lopez
00:24:31 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:25:25 Rep. McKamey
00:25:49 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:26:00 Rep. Salomon
00:26:14 Sen. Moore
00:26:47 Rep. MacDonald
00:27:27 Sen. Moore
00:28:25 Rep. MacDonald
00:28:33 Sen. Moore
00:29:00 Christian Mackay, MDOL
00:30:26 Rep. McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:38 Sen. Moore

00:30:40 Rep. Olsen entered

HEARING ON HB 355

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:27 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 355, Revise horse surrender process.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:32:56 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

00:34:13 Christian Mackay, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:17 Rep. Doane

HEARING ON SB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:35:37 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 62, Revise the reporting dates for per capita livestock fees.

EXHIBIT(agh26a03)

00:36:31 Rep. Lang entered

Proponents' Testimony:

00:39:58 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:41:31 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

00:44:57 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation and Montana Stock Growers Association (MFBF) (MSGA)

00:45:58 Christian Mackay, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:18 Rep. McKamey

00:47:59 Sen. T. Brown

00:48:33 Rep. Williams

00:49:03 Sen. T. Brown

00:49:22 Rep. Williams

00:49:31 Sen. T. Brown

00:49:52 Rep. Olszewski
00:50:36 Rep. McKamey
00:50:58 Sen. T. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:51:48 Sen. T. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19

00:54:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **SB 19 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Berglee will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 62

00:55:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **SB 62 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Staffanson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 78

00:56:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **SB 78 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Clark, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Monforton and Rep. Mortensen voted by proxy. Rep. Salomon will carry the bill.

00:56:40 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:57:41 Chairman Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:58:03

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh26aad.pdf](#))